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Mr. David Mazzella  
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P.O. Box 505  
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Re: Dam Safety Inspection Report for Seneca Lake Dam  
NJ Dam File No. 22-183  
Sparta Township, Sussex County

Dear Dam Owner/Operator:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a report for the 2024 regular dam safety inspection for the referenced dam submitted as required by the New Jersey Dam Safety Standards, N.J.A.C. 7:20-1.11. The Bureau of Dam Safety (Bureau) also acknowledges receipt of the updated Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual for the dam.

The Bureau reviewed the report and the structure was found by your engineer to be in **Satisfactory** condition. You must proceed to implement the recommendations of your engineer in accordance with the report and Compliance Schedule. Recommended maintenance/repair work such as grass mowing, brush and debris removal, minor concrete repairs, minor erosion repairs, gate maintenance, etc. may be undertaken without further approval by this office. The Bureau must approve any repairs that are not considered general maintenance. Please be reminded that your dam's next inspection is due two years from the date of this current report. Per N.J.A.C. 7:20-1.11(d), owners of Class II – Significant Hazard dams are required to perform a formal dam safety inspection every ten (10) years. From a review of the Bureau's records, the next inspection for Seneca Lake Dam must be a formal inspection in 2026.

The Bureau has reviewed the updated EAP and has found it to be acceptable. The complete EAP, with inundation mapping, should be distributed in accordance with the procedures outlined in Appendix C of the plan.

For further information regarding New Jersey Dam Safety, including copies of the New Jersey Dam Safety Standards and applicable forms, please refer to the Dam Safety web page at <https://dep.nj.gov/wlm/drec/dam-safety/>.

Should you have any questions, please contact John Foster of this office at (609) 984-0859 or via e-mail at [John.Foster@dep.nj.gov](mailto:John.Foster@dep.nj.gov).

Sincerely,



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